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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director, ORE

SUBJECT: Request that Publication of the CIG Weekly Summary be
Suspended Pending Completion of the Situation Report
SeriesREFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, Intelligence Staff to Assistant
Director, ORE, dated 3 April 1947, Same Subject as
Above.

1. Following comments are submitted relative to above reference.

2. It is not believed that the Weekly should be discontinued until
a survey has been made which indicates its continuance is unwarranted.
Reasons for this opinion include:a. Production Program for ORE submitted to the Director
on 12 March states that the Weekly will be produced. Since
the Production Program has been resolved in ORE's favor this
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recipients of the current reports will be frequently consulted
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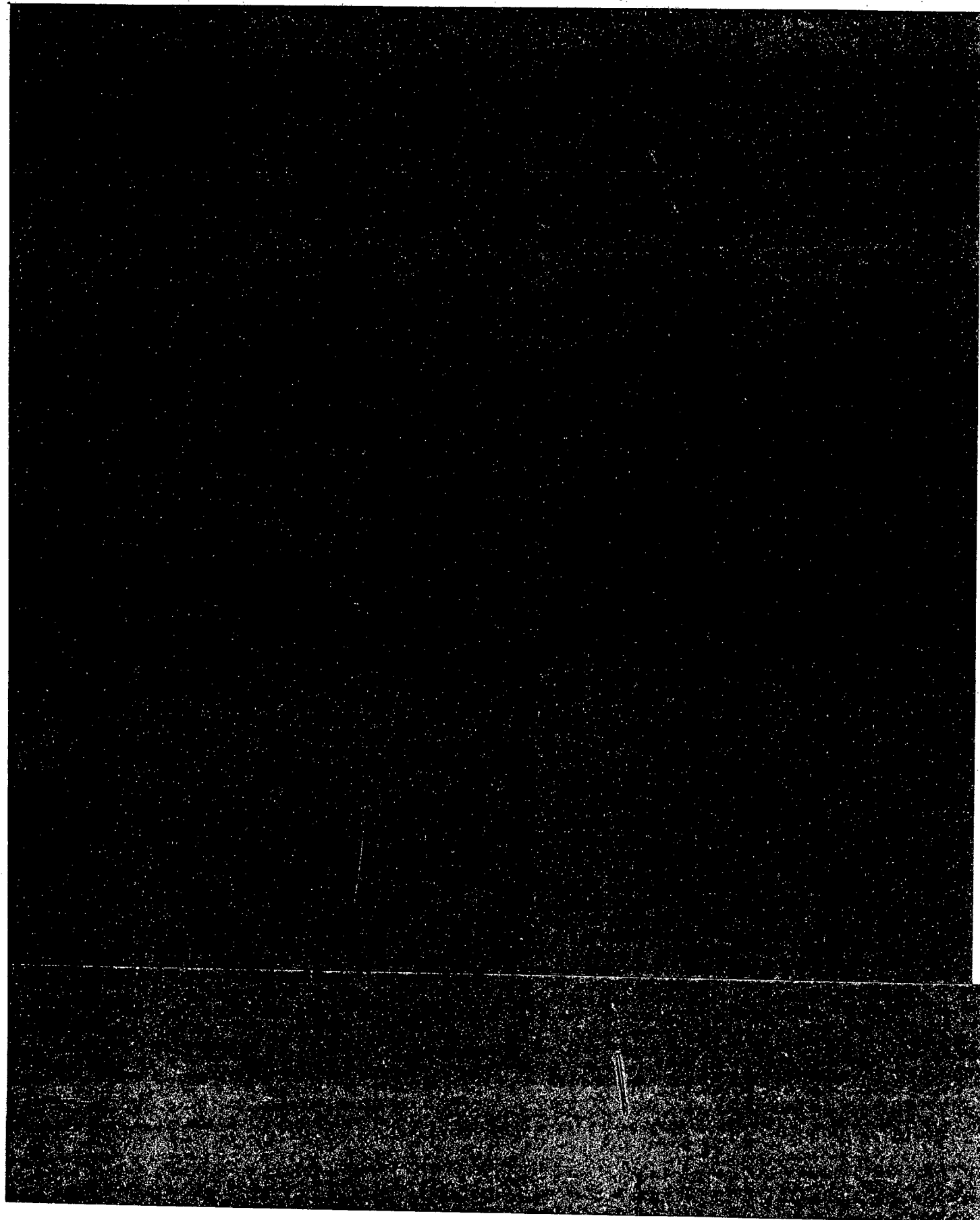
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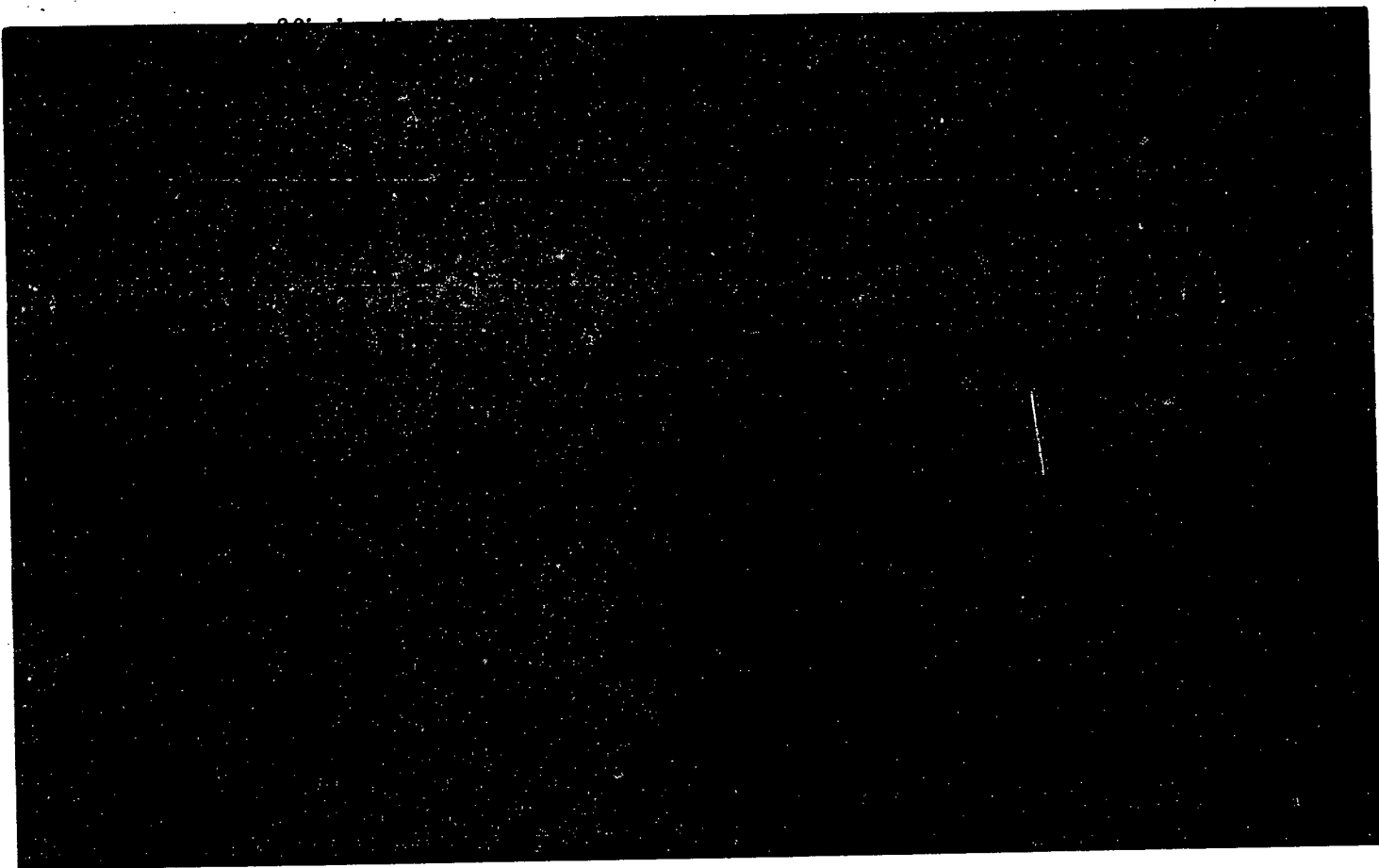
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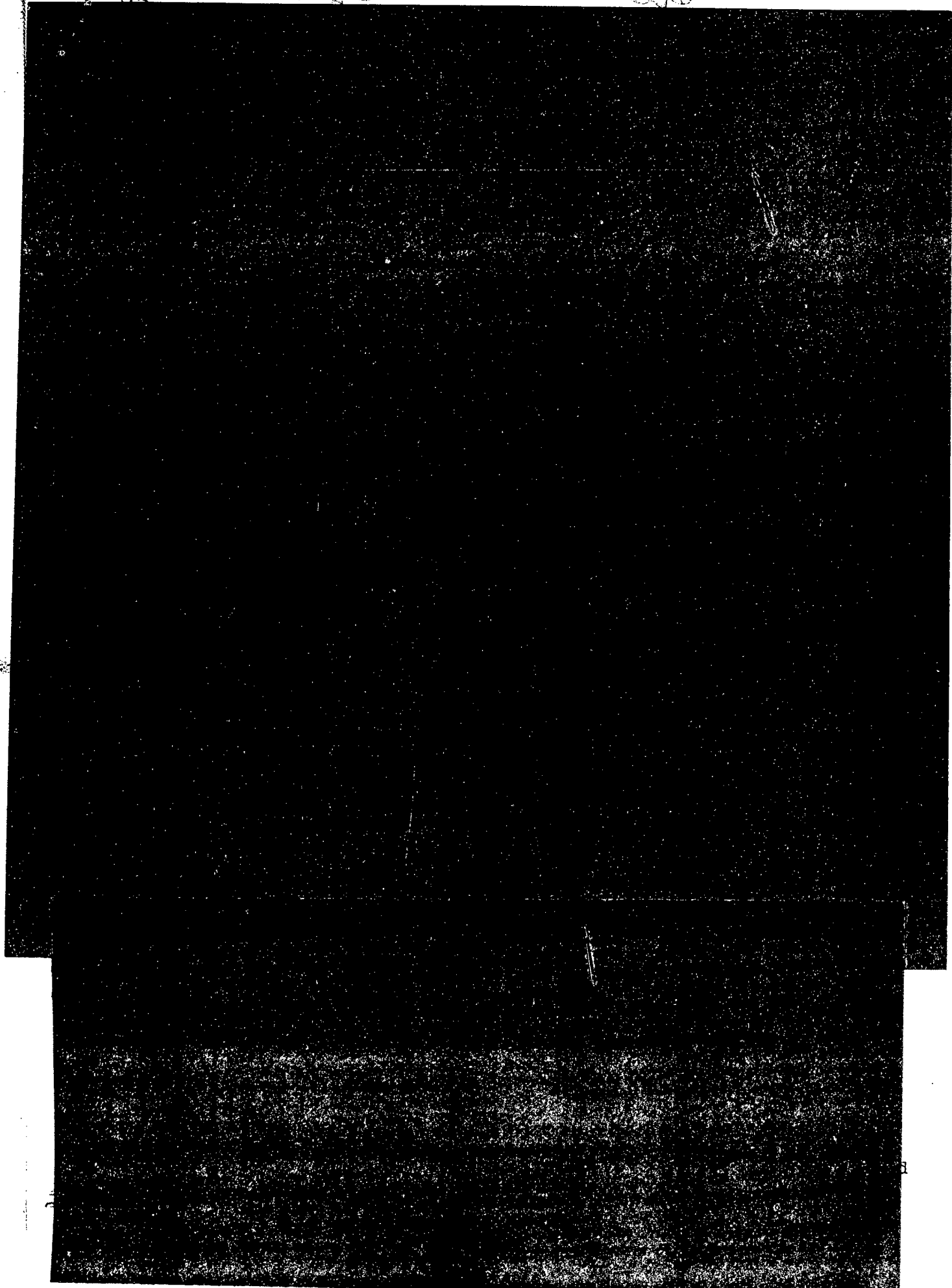


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